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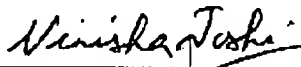
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2004. The undersigned attorney appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and responds herein to the issues presented. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on Page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 5 of this paper.